

(Washington, DC)— Congresswoman Gwen Moore secured nearly \$1.5 million in research and development funds for the Milwaukee area, bringing innovative technology that can lead to more jobs and business in the Fourth Congressional District. The funds are included in the final conference report of the Defense Appropriations bill, which is expected to pass the House of Representatives later today.

“We need to work on getting good, higher-wage jobs in our communities and this \$1.4 million will go towards the local development of innovative technology that could lead to those much-needed jobs and business,” Congresswoman Gwen Moore said. “This money could help produce cutting-edge technologies that we need to compete in a global economy.”

Congresswoman Moore secured the following research and development funding in the conference report of the Defense Appropriations bill for the Milwaukee area for a total of \$1.4 million:

- 1) \$500,000 for research and development of personalized orthopedic implants by Vantus Technology Corporation.
- 2) \$500,000 for research and development of a smaller, more efficient super boiler for use on Army bases by Cleaver-Brooks.
- 3) \$400,000 for continued research into a revolutionary Universal Solid-State Circuit Breaker by DRS Technologies.

Moore secured \$500,000 in funding that would allow Vantus Technology Corporation to develop personalized orthopedic implants for military patients so that they no longer have to rely on one-size-fits-all off the shelf implants. Instead, doctors could scan the patient's body and have a unique implant created for them, improving the patient's comfort and rehabilitation. Vantus is currently part of the MOVE Center, a joint initiative with UW-M for protective, rehabilitative, and assistive technologies for wounded and disabled soldiers. Congresswoman Moore secured \$1 million to establish the initiative in 2006.

Moore also secured \$500,000 for the development of a super boiler – a more efficient, smaller and environmental-friendly boiler – for army bases by Cleaver-Brooks. By allowing further research and development of this new technology, these funds could help make Milwaukee a

leader in the industry. Expansion of new technology for commercial use in the area could also bring jobs and economic growth to the Milwaukee area.

Additionally, Moore brought home \$400,000 in funding for DRS Technologies for its Universal Solid-State Circuit breaker, which is critical in the Navy's transition to more efficient, all-electric ships for stronger and safer naval vessels for our military personnel. In her push for more jobs and economic opportunity, Moore has secured \$2 million for this project over the past two years.

The bill will be voted on in the Senate in the coming week. If it passes, it will go to the President to be signed into law.

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